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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/653,249	Applicant(s) OISHI ET AL.	
	Examiner Evan H. Langdon	Art Unit 3654	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 9 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4, 9 and 10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 23 June 2005 has been entered.

Claim Objections

Claims 2 and 3 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. The limitations of claim 2 are recited on lines 13-14 of claim 1, and the limitations of claim 3 are recited on lines 7 and 15 of claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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In regards to claim 1, limitation “wherein a one-way clutch is interposed between a rotating member rotated in response to the rotation of the handle and the auxiliary operating member” is indefinite. It is unclear what is rotated in response to the rotation of the handle and the auxiliary operating member, the one-way clutch or the rotating member?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ciocca (US 5,443,218).

Ciocca discloses a fishing reel comprising:

a reel body attachable to a fishing rod;

a spool rotatably supported by the reel body;

a handle 30 disposed at a side portion of the reel body for rotating the spool to winding a fishing line on the spool; and

an auxiliary operating member 10, 100 for auxiliary winding the fishing line on the spool provided at a position in which the auxiliary operating member can be operated by a finger of an angler's hand holding the fishing rod to which the reel body is attached, wherein the auxiliary

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operating member is formed so that, when the handle is rotated to rotate the spool, the auxiliary operating member is not rotated in response to the rotation of the handle (col. 5 lines 29-44),

wherein a one-way clutch 62, 70, 52 is interposed between a rotating member 34 where the rotating member is rotated in response to the rotation of the handle 30 and the auxiliary operating member 10, 100,

wherein an operating portion of the auxiliary operating member to be operated by the finger is rotatably provided between left and right side plates which constitute the reel body, and wherein the operating portion is formed in a lever shape 100.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cooper (US 2,428,908).

Cooper discloses a fishing reel comprising:

a reel body 10 attachable to a fishing rod 28;

a spool 16 rotatably supported by the reel body;

a handle 25 disposed at a side portion of the reel body for rotating the spool to winding a fishing line on the spool; and

an auxiliary operating member 29 for auxiliary winding the fishing line on the spool provided at a position in which the auxiliary operating member can be operated by a finger of an angler's hand holding the fishing rod to which the reel body is attached, wherein the auxiliary operating member is formed so that, when the handle is rotated to rotate the spool (col. 3, lines 1-5), the auxiliary operating member is not rotated in response to the rotation of the handle,

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wherein a one-way clutch (col. 39-75) is interposed between a rotating member 15 where the rotating member is rotated in response to the rotation of the handle 25 and the auxiliary operating member 29,

wherein an operating portion of the auxiliary operating member to be operated by the finger is rotatably provided between left and right side 12 plates which constitute the reel body, and wherein the operating portion is formed in a lever shape 29.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evan H. Langdon whose telephone number is (571)272-6948. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathy Matecki can be reached on (571) 272-6951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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